



# High Desert Corridor Joint Powers Authority



## E-220 HIGH DESERT CORRIDOR

### High Desert Corridor Joint Powers Authority Policy and Technical Advisory Committee

Committee Meeting of July 21, 2008  
LA Works WorkSource Center  
5200 Irwindale Avenue  
Irwindale, CA 91706

#### MEETING MINUTES

##### Member Attendance

Mazin Kasey, SB County Public Works  
Michelle Kirkhoff, SANBAG  
Brad Miller, Town of Apple Valley  
Brian Gengler, City of Victorville  
Jim Balcom, SB County Public Works

Patrick DeChellis, LA County DPW  
Bill Winter, LA County DPW  
Shari Afshari, LA County DPW  
Steve Burger, LA County DPW

##### Staff Attendance

Karen Herberts, LA County Administrative Office  
Doug Hogue, SB County Public Works

Mike Behen, City of Palmdale  
Laurie Hunter, SB County Board of  
Supervisors Office

#### OPENING OF MEETING

Chairperson Mazin Kasey called the meeting to order at 1:07pm. Self-introductions were made by all in attendance. Opening remarks were made by Mr. Kasey as to the purpose of today's meeting.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the March 19, 2008, meeting was distributed. A motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

#### RFP SELECTION COMMITTEE UPDATE AND PTAC VOTE

Mr. Kasey discussed the two RFP proposals that were received and the recommendation of the Selection Committee to 1) Put on hold the RFP process until such time as a decision is made to either continue with this RFP or terminate the RFP process and choose alternative steps to continue with the project and 2) The two Counties legislative staff work together to seek authority from the State to obtain tolling and Design-Build authority and utilize the funding towards hiring consultants for project development.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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*Councilman, City of Victorville*

It is the intent of the Selection Committee to preserve the privacy of the two consultants who submitted proposals. Discussion was held regarding the Selection Committee's recommendations.

Michelle Kirkhoff discussed that since they will not have access to funds until early spring, could County resources be used to start legislative work initiation and have PTAC or a subcommittee determine what other resources are needed to assist the legislation effort. She did not believe that federal funds could be used for legislation or for other state efforts that are needed. Ms. Kirkhoff suggested that the Counties do the legislative work and the PTAC work to determine what other resources are needed to keep the project moving, to be reimbursed by the STP and the Metro funds and to keep the project from being in jeopardy.

Laurie Hunter commented on Supervisor Mitselfelt's preferred approach would have been to take the firm with the best legislative section. They are aware of the obstacles in this project. Supervisor Mitselfelt believes that they have advocates on either side in place and they have allies that they can find in the legislature. Ms. Hunter stated that she met with Michael Cano from L.A. County Board of Supervisors and they both are willing to spearhead this effort with their respective County lobbyists. If the JPA could provide the funds for consultants that could advise those advocates, that would be the most useful (lawyers, technical, etc. that could help draft legislature), preserving what little capital the JPA currently has.

A motion was made by Patrick DeChellis to recommend to the JPA that the RFP be put on hold and that legislative staff from the two Counties work together. Michelle Kirkhoff seconded; motion approved.

A motion was made by Patrick DeChellis to inform the JPA Board that the PTAC recommends the search for an executive director be put on hold. Brian Gengler seconded; motion approved.

A motion was made by Michelle Kirkhoff to recommend that the JPA task the PTAC to develop a report for the next step in the process. Patrick DeChellis seconded; motion approved.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Greg Henk from Flatiron Construction Wanted to mention some considerations before the committee voted on their decision. He gave brief description on his background and involvement in similar project construction. Mr. Henk wanted to point out that if you move forward with hiring one of the two firms, they have experience they can bring to the table to make the project happen; they can advise with a different perspective. There is value in selecting a firm, even if signing a zero dollar contract. The legislation is not necessary for design build until the draft EIS statement is due.

Jeff Long from Tetra Tech supports keeping this confidential. He inquired as to how long of a push is anticipated, so that he may keep his team engaged in this project and a rough cost estimate of the legislative effort. Mr. Kasey stated that there is no cost estimate available for legislative efforts, depends on if they hire a legislative consultant or make use of County staff. Mr. Kasey indicated that this will remain confidential and he was unsure of the length of this process. It is dependent on if the two Counties can come up with the funds for this process; there is no timetable.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Kasey adjourned the meeting at 2:15 pm.